INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

FROM:

STEPHANIE MERCANDETTI, COMM. & ECO. DEV. DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ARTICLE 35

DATE:

4/22/2013

Article 35 seeks to rezone a parcel located at 564 Main Street from General Residence and Park, School, Recreation and Conservation District to Business (refer to map on the other side of this page). The property currently houses a residence and Shirley's Beauty Barn, and is entirely owned by Shirley and David Booth.

The property sits on Route 1A (Main Street), which is one of the Town's commercial corridors. The immediate area surrounding this property includes Cobb's Pond, ReMax Realty and multiple commercial businesses including: Connolly Bus Company, McDonald's, Super Stop & Shop, a gas station and also nearby is the Rt. 1A Marketplace with multiple retailers and food establishments.

The Town desires more appropriate economic development as evident in its 2004 Master Plan and 1999 Comprehensive Economic Development Plan. One of the key objectives of the Master Plan calls for targeted economic development efforts to create a highervalue nonresidential tax base and improve/enhance the appearance and traffic function of our business areas. In addition, the Town's Comprehensive Economic Development Plan referenced that commercial properties in this area should be rezoned for Business.

This rezoning would support any future redevelopment of this site by providing additional commercial growth opportunities no different than what is already around it in terms of location and adjoining land uses and development.

